Cochin requiring employees to observe terms and conditions of employment laid down by the Government;

(*d*) whether under section 6 of the Essential Services (Maintenance) Proclamation Government have regulated wages and other conditions of service of persons or any class of persons engaged in any employment to which the said proclamation has been applied;

(*e*) if the answer to (c) and (*d*) are in the affirmative whether they will be pleased to place on the table copies of such orders;

(*f*) if the answers to (c) and (*d*) is in the negative whether they would be pleased to state why they have not done so?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To maintain supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of answer to sub-division (*c*) and (*d*) no answer is called for.

(*f*) No occasion has arisen for Government to invoke this enabling provision.

CHIRAS—CONTRACTS REGARDING

487. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to inform the House.—

(*a*) the factors taken into consideration by the Government in giving chiras (ചിറകൾ) to the various contractors every year;

(*b*) the procedure adopted whether auction, tender or any other method actually accepting the contracts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The amount of the tender received and the ability and efficiency of the contractor as judged from previous experience. Persons who have agricultural interests in the area served by the chiras are given special consideration.

(*b*) By inviting tenders usually.

KOLE CULTIVATORS—LAND REVENUE REMISSION

488. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Goverement be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has any land revenue remission been granted to the kole cultivators in 1120;

(*b*) what is the extent of kole land in respect of which applications for remission have been received by Government?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) About 2087·56 acres.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

489. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the cottage industries started or encouraged by the Government since Ministerial Government was inaugurated in Cochin;

(*b*) who was the officer in-charge of cottage industries;

(*c*) why was the post of the Assistant Director of Industries abolished;

(*d*) who looks after the work that the Assistant Director of Industries was in charge of since the abolition of the post?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Coir, hand loom weaving, carpentry, smithy, making of leather goods, Rattan work, Reed, Bamboo, Koragrass and Screwpine mat-making, bee-keeping, lace garlands and caps making, tooth powder making, oil pressing, framing of slates, making of photo frames, embroidery, knitting, etc., country umbrella making, khadi spinning and weaving, dyeing and printing, jaggery making, Bell metal works, etc., are the important cottage industries encouraged by Government.

(*b*) The Director of Industries and Commerce and his subordinates.

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